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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

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Defense Intelligence Agency
Attn: OS-3B
Room 2A536, The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear

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The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has requested that I canvass the Intelligence Community regarding a query from John H. Raubitschek, Chief, Department of the Army, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Patents, Copyrights, and Trademarks Division. Mr. Raubitschek is coordinating the response to a U.S. Patent Office request for declassification review of 29 patent applications presently under secrecy order. Before replying to Mr. Raubitschek, CIA would like to determine the interests of the Intelligence Community. Ten of the applications require the continuation of secrecy orders, and CIA will sponsor the renewal request for those. CIA has determined that it has no interest in sponsoring the renewal of the other 19 of these secrecy orders, as such renewal is no longer necessary for those national security interests specifically entrusted to CIA.

We anticipate that, once CIA's recommendations have been received by Mr. Raubitschek and/or the U.S. Patent Office, this matter will be referred to you for a formal declaration as to whether your agency wishes to sponsor continuation of any of the secrecy orders. To facilitate this action, we request that you review the patent files in question at the U.S. Patent Office. You may contact Mr. Raubitschek for further details as to how to review the files to determine whether you wish to continue the classification on any of these patent applications.

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The U.S. Patent Office will, pursuant to the Invention Secrecy Act and at the request of a sponsoring federal agency, impose secrecy orders on patent applications that are determined to contain classified information. The secrecy order prevents a patent from being publicly issued and maintains the secrecy of the sensitive files. Secrecy orders must be renewed annually, and the "chief officer of the agency who caused the order to be issued" must provide notification that an affirmative determination has been made that the national interest continues to require the secrecy order.

Attached is a list of the 19 patent applications for which declassification is recommended, and the reasons therefor. After you have had the opportunity to review the files at the U.S. Patent Office, please advise me whether your agency would object to declassification. We will advise CIA, which will then be in a position to inform Mr. Raubitschek on both the CIA position and that of the Intelligence Community generally. This will expedite any future review process that may be required by the Patent Office concerning these applications. A response by 14 September 1984 would be appreciated. If I can be of assistance, please call on

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Sincerely,

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Chairman

Attachment: a/s

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